

## CLOSE OBSERVATIONS AS TO THE CAUSE OF FIRES,

Paragraphed by Creamer—Cities and Towns May Follow the Information and Save Much Property

Code of Fire Protection Should Be Adopted and Strictly Enforced.

The protection of the wealth gathered in the business districts of our large cities is, moral questions aside, the most important responsibility laid upon municipal officers. Either of four Ohio cities is liable to a conflagration equal in loss to that of Baltimore, and two may have such a loss as that of Baltimore with that of San Francisco added.

From such horrors there is but one way to escape. That is through the adoption and enforcement of a proper building code. This will not instantly remove the danger, but it will gradually reduce it.

The annual fire loss per capita in cities in America is \$1.70, which is six times that of the average in European cities. The character of the buildings in one European metropolis is shown by the following excerpts from a special consular report on building regulations in Vienna, Austria:

"There is no case known in this city where a conflagration has extended beyond the building in which it originated, and even hardly any cases are known where a fire extended beyond the floor on which it originated. This is prevented by the solidity of the buildings, by strict fire regulations, and by a pretty well-trained fire department."

In cities of America the fire waste per capita for five years has been \$3.10. In Europe cities it has been 61 cents.

The national Board of Fire Underwriters, through its committee on construction of buildings, issued in 1905 a Building Code which was adopted by New York City and subsequently by a number of other large cities.

Two years and great expense were given to the formulating of this code and it was submitted for criticism and suggestions to eminent experts in the art of building construction everywhere. A copy of it was sent to the mayors of the 1,001 cities of America having over 5,000 population. This code should be enacted as a whole by the council of every large city and in an abbreviated form by the smaller ones. It would be difficult to over-estimate the importance of this duty.

But a new code can be effective only on new construction. What can be done to reduce existing dangers? Much.

Mr. Charles G. Smith, who is a member of the court before whom disputes between builders and city inspectors in regard to the application of the code in New York City are heard, the decision of this court being final, was asked by the fire marshal to suggest ways for the regulation of common dangers in business districts. The painstaking, succinct and forceful recommendation of this high authority on this important matter follow:

First. All internal openings in brick dividing walls between buildings, including those in brick partition walls, shall be bricked up, making walls solid; or, in cases where this is not practicable, introduce approved fire doors. Such openings, when unprotected, permit small fires to spread, often resulting in disastrous conflagration.

Second. Protect all buildings from outside exposure fires by parapeting all brick exterior and dividing walls at least three feet above the roof for the warehouse class, and not less than two feet for all the other buildings. Protect all exterior openings with approved fire shutters, and where such shutters are not practicable, then approved wire glass with metal window frame and sash can be used.

Third. Enclose stairways, elevator wells, hatchways and all similar vertical openings through floors with brick or other fireproof material, having approved fire doors at all apertures.

Fourth. Prohibit the use of shingles or other combustible material for roof covering to buildings. This, however, shall not prevent the repairing of any combustible roof, but the renewal of any such roof shall not be permitted.

Six additional paragraphs to follow in another issue.

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—Peoria Herald Transcript.

## PLANS TO CHANGE THE RIVER AT AND NEAR NELSONVILLE

Citizens Want to Forever Prevent Another Disastrous Flood.

Nelsonville, Ohio, March 29.—The City Council met Monday night and appointed a committee to investigate the repairing of the levee and widening the Hocking river, in order to prevent a repetition of a flood, like the one of March 13. The committee consisted of Councilman A. D. Knight, Frank Poston, member of Board of Public Service; H. C. Comstock, a citizen; accompanied by Mayor Sharp and Emmett Keenan, President of the Council.

The committee recommended the following changes in regard to the river: that the railroad bridge west of the city be lengthened 150 feet; the bridge south of Twenty-

nine bridge, be lengthened 50 feet; the Robinson bridge be lengthened 100 feet; the lower railroad bridge be lengthened 125 feet; and the removal of the old abutment of the Courtall bridge, which has not been used for a number of years. The railroad company has agreed to do their part in these needed changes.

It will be necessary to rebuild the levee to a greater height and to use rock and clay in its construction. The committee's report was submitted to the council, but no action was taken, but they probably will act in the near future.

## THE RIGHT HONORABLE AND PRINCE OF JURISTS,

Judge Wm. Ball is Dead—A Grand Old Man of Marked Distinction and Learning.

Judge William H. Ball of Zanesville died early Friday morning. He was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, on May 2, 1818, being almost eighty-nine years of age at the time of his death.

He was a "Grand Old Man." None were loved more than he. He was kind, gentlemanly and courteous to all. He was a lawyer of great ability and a judge of marked distinction and learning.

During the civil war Judge Ball served as a brave and loyal soldier, participating in every battle in which his regiment fought. In the battle of Opequan, in the valley of Virginia he was injured, receiving a bullet wound, and it was only at this time when incapacitated that he was absent from his company. In 1862 he received the appointment of colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio infantry, in which position he served until 1865, at which time he was forced to resign because of his wife's serious illness. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Zanesville, O.

The funeral services were held Sunday morning at the home, Rev. Dr. Courtenay officiating. Interment at Greenwood cemetery. The Zanesville Signal says:

"Judge Ball is dead. The announcement of his death, though not wholly unexpected, was a severe shock to all Zanesville, for he was the grandest of Zanesville's many grand old men. Brave soldier, learned lawyer, able jurist and splendid citizen, Judge Ball leaves a heritage of sweetest memories and carries to the grave a love and affection that will be reflected in the tears of countless mourners. He was a man of wonderful force of character, of deep learning, of rugged brawn and brain, of splendid intellect and of profound learning. Zanesville is a better city for having been his home, and Zanesville people for having been his friends and neighbors."

Dr. Crile, of Cleveland, a short time ago, and when the outbreak occurred at Castalia he wrote to Dr. Flexner suggesting that possibly he would like to use it in some of the cases there. Dr. Probat received a letter Wednesday morning from Dr. Flexner of the Rockefeller institute saying that he had sent some of the anti-toxin to Dr. Crile. It is evidently this sample that was used on the girl Barbara Kraft, with apparent benefit as reported from Castalia.

"The anti-toxin can hardly be said to be out of the experimental stage," said Dr. Probat, "but if it is a success it will be a great thing for humanity."

Speaking of the trial made at Castalia of an anti-toxin for spotted fever, as reported from that place, Dr. C. O. Probat, secretary of the state board of health, said Wednesday that his attention was called to the fact that such an anti-toxin had been prepared, by

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## TWO MEN ASSUME TO OWN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN OHIO

Crooksville Advance, Republican, Turns 'Em Both Down.

(Crooksville Advance Republican.)

There is a unique political situation in Ohio just now. Senator Foraker and Secretary of War Taft have tacitly entered into an arrangement to submit to the people the question as to which of these two worthies they would rather have for a boss.

Of course they don't state it in this way, but it amounts to this just the same.

There's an old proverb which reads: "Between two evils choose neither," and the people of Ohio will do well to heed this advice.

Who are these two men who assume to own the people of Ohio, and who insist that one or the other must be vested with individual and absolute ownership?

Foraker is well known, having served as governor and many years in the senate, but it is also well known that in all this time he has served the corporations and not the people. Today Senator Foraker hasn't a single interest or thought in common with the people. He has antagonized every popular measure in the senate and

brazenly championed the interests of corporations.

Secretary of War Taft has not been so long under public gaze, but long enough for observing and intelligent people to size him up.

He is a man who does not believe in the basic principles of our form of government—a man who does not believe that government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed, and he has not hesitated to publicly say so.

He is not a Republican—not a Democrat, and in no sense can he be considered a representative man. He is a born autocrat and tyrant, and as public official has no conception of and acknowledges no responsibility to the people.

If Taft occupied the presidential chair he would have regard for neither precedent, custom, law or the constitution itself—we should have a purely Taft administration not a republican or popular one.

Are the people of Ohio willing to submit their interests to either of these men? We sincerely hope not.

## ATTEMPTED PATRICIDE EXCITES THE COMMUNITY AT CREOLA

Son Beats His Father to the Gun and Blazes Away.

W. H. Fauver, living at Creola, was shot Monday by his son Holly, aged 15 years. As near as we can learn, the trouble began by the father becoming enraged at the boy for some act of disobedience and struck at him with a hoe, breaking the handle. The boy ran toward the house, his father following him. When he entered the house he shut the door and

grabbed a gun that was in the room, and as his father entered fired, the shot taking effect in the forearm making an ugly wound. Dr. Swepston was called and rendered surgical aid and, while the wound is a very severe and painful one, it is not thought to be a dangerous one, unless something else should set in.

Mr. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney

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## DEMOCRAT WILL SERVE

Mr. G. W. Henderson resigned as postmaster at West Rushville several days ago and a successor will likely be appointed about the 15th instant. It is understood that there are two candidates for the appointment, both well known Democrats—John H. Dilger, a business man, and Wylie Friesner, son of Allen J. Friesner. It is said the friends of each are taking quite an interest in the contest and whoever secures the appointment the unusual thing of a Republican administration appointing a Democratic postmaster will happen.

Boys Refuse to Repeat the Lord's Prayer

East Liverpool, O., April 4.—High school boys, many of whom are members of the senior class of the Chester High school, were suspended by Superintendent Karr because they refused to repeat the Lord's prayer. The boys declared they will not return to school under the enforcement of such a rule and have appealed their case to the board of education. The greater majority of the girls of the school threaten to walk out unless their male classmates are reinstated without punishment.

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